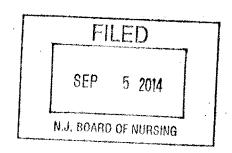
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION: OF THE CERTIFICATE OF:

Administrative Action

Tatahisa Thomas, C.H.H.A. Certificate No.: 26NH1380100

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFIED HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of a flagging notice that Tatahisa Thomas, certified homemaker-home health aide ("Respondent"), had been arrested on September 5, 2013 by the Woodbridge Police Department for violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2, Conspiracy Burglary; N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2, Burglary; N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1B(1), Aggravated Assault; two (2) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3A Threaten to Commit a Crime; and N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1A(3), Riot with

Use of Weapon. Specifically Respondent is alleged to have gone to the victim's house with several other people, broken down the door and assaulted the victim and her children. The Board sent Respondent a letter of inquiry on or about September 27, 2013 requesting certain information and documentation. On October 29, 2013 Respondent sent the Board a copy of the indictment and included a narrative statement denying that she was involved in the incident, or that she was the person arrested. She noted that she would provide a copy of the police report at a later date but never did.

The facts underlying Respondent's arrest, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting crimes which relate adversely to homemaker-home health aide practice in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS on this of the day of September, 2014; ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey pending

disposition of the criminal charges, successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any), and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her homemaker-home health aide certificate, both wallet and wall versions, to George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101:

- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide and/or practicing as a homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse. Any practice in this State shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- 3. Prior to any application for restoration of her certification, Respondent shall demonstrate to the Board successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any) and that she is fit and competent to serve as a homemaker-home health aide.
- 4. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation

prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of nursing in the State or any violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including but not limited to any pending matters under investigation.

- 5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Respondent.
- 6. Upon reinstatement of Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions on certification it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

7. Any violation of this order by Respondent shall constitute grounds for such proceedings as are permitted by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murby

PhD. APR

President

I have read and understood
the above Consent Order and I
agree to be bound by its terms.
I understand that this Consent Order
has serious legal consequences and have
decided to enter into this agreement
with the Board without the advice of
legal counsel. Consent is hereby given
to the Board to enter this Order.

Tatahisa Thomas